

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated August 3, 2004 has been carefully considered. Claims 3-6, 8-10, 13-17, and 26-41 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 11, 12, and 23 are cancelled. Claims 7, 18-22, 24, and 25 were previously withdrawn. Claims 3, 4, 6, 8-10, 13-15, and 36 are currently amended. Claims 4, 5, and 15 were previously presented. Claims 39-41 are new. Applicants appreciate Examiner's indication that claims 16, 17, and 26-38 are allowable, and that claims 3, 6, 8-10, 13, and 14 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 3, 6, 8-10, 13, and 14 have been rewritten in independent form, as suggested by the Examiner, and are believed to now be placed in allowable form.

Claim 36 has been amended to correct a grammatical error.

Applicant submits that independent claim 3, as amended, is now generic to at least species A-J, and O (as delineated in Restriction Requirement dated November 7, 2003, the "Restriction Requirement"). Accordingly, previously withdrawn dependent claims 4, 5, and 15 have been reintroduced. Applicant submits that claims 4 and 5 read on all species, and claim 15 reads on species G and I. Claims 4 and 15 therefore have been amended to change their dependency from cancelled claim 1 to currently amended claim 3.

Applicant also submits that independent claim 8 is generic to all species, as indicated by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement. Accordingly, previously withdrawn dependent claims 4, 5, and 15 have been added as new claims 39-41 to depend from claim 8.

No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Rejections under §102 and §103

Claims 1, 11, and 12 were rejected under §102(b), and claims 2 and 23 were rejected under §103(a). As these claims are now cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are moot.

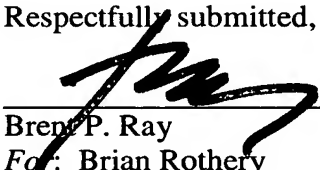
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 3-6, 8-10, 13-17, and 26-41 are in condition for allowance. If Examiner does not agree that the pending claims are allowable, or disagrees with Applicant's discussion of generic claims, Applicant requests that Examiner contact the Applicant at the telephone number provided below to discuss any area(s) of disagreement.

Applicants estimate that due to the addition of 5 independent claims, a fee of \$458.00 is believed to be required for this Amendment. Please charge this fee, and any additional fees that may be required, to Jones Day deposit account no. 503013.

Respectfully submitted,

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